

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) ~~An~~ swellable porous inkjet recording medium ~~consisting essentially comprising~~ of:

a support; and

one or more swellable porous ink receiving layer(s) supported on said support, ~~each of said one or more swellable porous~~ ink receiving layer(s) comprising a swellable porous foamed hydrophilic polymer,

wherein the one or more swellable porous ink receiving layer(s) are essentially capable of absorbing dye from an applied ink within the polymer ~~instead of being held in pores located between particles, thereby improving image stability.~~

2. (cancelled) .

3. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which said ink receiving layer includes a crosslinker.

4. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which said ink receiving layer includes a surfactant.

5. (currently amended) A medium according to claim 1, in which the swellable porous foamed hydrophilic polymer includes at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene oxide, polyvinyl pyrrolidone and gelatin.

6. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which the support is made of a material selected from the group consisting of resin-coated paper, PET, acetate and printing plate.

7. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 4, in which the surfactant is a fluoro-surfactant.

8. (cancelled)

9. (original) A medium according to claim 4, in which the proportion by weight of surfactant to coating solution used in the preparation of the medium is in an amount from about 0.01% to about 2.0%, preferably, about 0.01% to about 1.0%.

10. (currently amended) A medium according to claim 1, the swellable porous foamed hydrophilic polymer being formed by the decomposition of a blowing agent in a solution of said hydrophilic polymer.

11. (original) A medium according to claim 10, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent used in the preparation of said medium to hydrophilic polymer is up to about 200%.

12. (original) A medium according to claim 11, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent used in the preparation of said medium to hydrophilic polymer is in an amount from about 10% to about 60%, preferably about 30% to about 50%.

13. (currently amended) A medium according to claim 1, in which the one or more swellable porous ink receiving layer(s) consist essentially of a swellable porous foamed hydrophilic polymer and, optionally, a surfactant.

14. (new) A medium according to claim 1, which consists essentially of the support and the one or more swellable porous ink receiving layer(s).

15. (new) An inkjet recording medium comprising:

a support; and
one or more swellable porous hydrophilic polymer layers
supported on said support,
which said polymer layers function as ink-receiving layers and
which polymer layers are essentially capable of absorbing dye from an applied
ink within the polymer.

16. (new) An swellable porous inkjet recording medium
consisting essentially of:
a support; and
one or more swellable porous ink receiving layers, supported
on said support, comprising a swellable porous foamed hydrophilic polymer,
wherein the one or more swellable porous ink receiving layer(s)
are essentially capable of absorbing dye from an applied ink within the
polymer, differing from other porous inkjet recording media in which dye is
held in pores located between particles.